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SOME STRONG PINTS.

BOTH SIDES WERE ELOQUENT ON THE NEW SCHOOL QUESTION.

Sap Perkins, the Postmaster, Tells How the Cause of Higher Education Was Knocked Out In the Debate at the Jericho Postoffice.

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Lish Billings, Abner Jones and Moses Plumber hev bin holdin Jericho back fur the last two years from hevin a new schoolhouse. The matter has come up almost every evenin at the postoffice and bin hotly argued, but they couldn't be budged. The other night a mighty smart lookin stranger was stoppin in town, and it was arranged that he drop in on the crowd and take the schoolhouse side and put the three obstructors on their backs. The stranger was on hand at the hour named, and when the proper minit arrived Squar Joslyn speaks up and says:

"Stranger, if you was a resident of this town, would you be fur schoolhouses or ag'in 'em?"

"I'd be fur 'em, of course," replies the man. "I'd vote fur the cause of education if I had to live on one meal



"BY JINGO, BUT THAT'S A STRONG PINT!"

a day. It is education that makes a nation. The less education the more vice and wickedness."

"That's jest the way I look at it," says the squar. "I say education before everything else, but we've got men in this town who differ with me. You wouldn't think that leadin men of a town would be ag'in schoolhouses, would you?"

"They must be queer sort of men. Don't they want their children to know who discovered America?"

"That's a mighty strong pint, mighty strong!" says Deacon Spooner, as he tunks his cane on the floor and looks at Abner Jones.

"I reckon you're hittin at me," replies Abner after whittlin away for a moment, "and I've got a few words to say. I'd like to ask this stranger here if he knows who discovered America."

"Why, certainly, sir," said the man.

"Has it ever done you any good? Has it ever made any difference to you whether it was Smith, Green or Brown?"

"But it is knowledge."

"Yes, it's knowledge, and that's a strong pint," whispers the deacon.

"Yes, it's schoolhouse knowledge," says Abner, "but let me ask you sunthin. What month in the year d'you plant pumpkin seeds?"

"Pumpkin seeds! Why, what have pumpkin seeds got to do with education?"

"Quite a little bit, I reckon. This county ships 'nuff pumpkins every year to make 3,000,000 10 cent pies. I don't believe ten farmers kin tell you when America was discovered, but they know when to plant pumpkins. Which is the best fur 'em? I reckon you kin tell what year George Washington died in, which I can't, but d'you know whar to fasten a rope when you want to drive a hog to market?"

"By jingo, but that's a strong pint, and Abner's got him!" shouts the deacon as he jumps up and down.

The stranger appeared to be sort of confused and taken down, but tried to git out of it by sayin they were tridin with the subject.

"I'm one as isn't opposed to schools and education," says Moses Plumber, "but I don't want too many of 'em. I'm sayin that everybody orter know how to read, write and cipher, but nowadays they want to stuff children with a heap that's no good to anybody."

"But what man kin know too much?" asks the stranger. "But fur higher knowledge how would we know that the earth revolved on its axis?"

"But s'pose we didn't know? S'pose we figgered that the earth stood still? Wouldn't we have licked the British at Yorktown jest the same, and wouldn't the price of wheat be the same as today? I was talkin with young Jim Benson t'other day. He could tell the distance to the sun within a mile, but he couldn't tell how many rails to a rod of fence. He could give the names of all the stars, but he didn't know that cuttin a hog's tail off would make him root the harder, probably hopin to find a new one. He could tell when every state come into the Union, but he didn't know that a cow kicked sideways instead of straight behind."

"By jingo, Moses, but that's oratory and a strong pint besides!" exclaims the deacon. "In the face of them facts I can't see how we are to git another schoolhouse."

"You have been ill at some time or other in your life?" queries the stranger of Moses.

"I hev. Three years ago I was down with fever and everybody thought I'd die."

"But you were saved, and how? If the doctor who was called in had simply known about fence rails, hogs' tails and the way cows kick, where would you be today? He had gone beyond readin, writin and figurin. It was his higher education that saved your life."

"That's a strong pint ag'in you, Moses," says the deacon.

"Yes, but I didn't call a doctor," grins Moses. "My old woman pulled me through with herb teas and good nursin, and you all know she can't figger the value of two dozen eggs."

"Then the pint is on the stranger, and I'd like to see him dodge it."

"The stranger was stubbin his toe ag'in stones in the road and didn't look happy, but he braced up and said in answer:

"Let us take a case right here at home. Here is a store. It had to be designed by an architect before the carpenter could build it. Mr. Plumber kin read, write and figger, but kin he draw the plans fur a buildin? But fur higher education no man could do it."

"Yes; it was a smart bit of work," acknowledged Moses, "but I had considerable to say to that architect. He had never heard that thunder would turn sweet milk sour; he didn't know cows had only teeth on one jaw; he didn't know how to stop a hen from settin, a hog from rootin or a dog from killin sheep. He even poked his finger into a wasps' nest to see if the critters was at home. I'm not ag'in schools, but if they is to tell our children that the earth revolves on its axis why don't they also tell 'em that scratchin a hog's back with a corncob will help to fatten him?"

"That's a pint, Moses—it's a pint!" shouts the deacon as he raps on a bar'l. "Abner and Moses hev made their pints, and now we'd like to hear from Lish Billings."

"I've got mighty little to say," replies Lish as he sits with his back humped up like a camel.

"But it can't be that an intelligent man like you is opposed to education?" protests the stranger.

"That's accordin to what sort of education it is."

"I refer to general education. You look like a man of peace, but perhaps you have had trouble with a neighbor some time?"

"Yes, I had trouble with Sam Wheeler once."

"And you went to law?"

"Yes."

"To go to law you had a lawyer. If that man had only known enough to read, write and figure, he wouldn't have bin a lawyer. He had to hev a higher education to be a lawyer. Don't you see?"

"I skassly do," says Lish.

"But you had a lawyer, and so did Mr. Wheeler. There was a suit, and you got jestice."

"That's a pint fur the stranger, Lish!" shouts the deacon.

"Yes, mebbe 'tis, but lemme tell him how it turned out. Sam shet up one of my hogs with his, and I proved it, but my lawyer lost the case and charged me $10 to boot. The hog wasn't wuth over $3, but Sam had to pay his lawyer $12, and he went home from the lawsuit to find the critter dead. That's gineral education. Sam and me lost $22 and a hog between us and was mad at each other fur ten years, and I'm sayin I've had 'nuff of it and am ag'in more schoolhouses till death!"

The deacon jumped off the floor and said it was a pint and a strong one, and the stranger got down off the counter and said he wasn't feelin extra well and guessed he'd git to bed early.

M. QUAD.

IT CLEANS THE SHIPS.

Sailing Through a Volcano Crater In the Ægean Sea.

In the Ægean sea a vessel may sail into the top of a crater, and though it is hard to find anchorage there, yet a mere sail through is appreciated greatly by captains, because it cleanses the bottom of the ships from marine growth.

More than 2,000 years ago the isle of Santorin was split in half by an earthquake, with the result that what was once the crater of a volcano is now a crescent shaped harbor. Two glistening white towns of Thera and St. Nicholas are perched on the summit of the steep cliffs, whose dark and dismal hue is similar to that of the top of Vesuvius. Standing out against the sky are large numbers of windmills, with many sails, arranged in a perfect circle. These are evidently employed for crushing the olives, which, along with the terraced vines, are the staple product of the island. The Santorin wine is of excellent quality and is highly appreciated in the Levant.

Between the main island on the east and the smaller, Theresia, on the west, are the three small Kaumene islands, all of which have come into existence since the original earthquake, while the largest of the three was "born from the sea" less than 200 years ago, showing that the center of the old volcano has still a certain amount of activity.

The water in the harbor into which the sulphurous streams from this volcanic island drain has a peculiar property which completely cleans off growths of every kind from the bottom of any ship.

Knew the House.

Citizen—Off'sher, can you (hic) tell me where I (hic) live? I'm (hic) Senator Bigboddy, you know.

Officer—What's yer cook's name?

Citizen—Mary Ann (hic) O'Brady.

Officer—Four blocks down and two doors to yer right.—Judge.

Metals get tired as well as living beings. Telegraph wires are better conductors on Monday than on Saturday on account of their Sunday rest, and a rest of three weeks adds 10 per cent to the conductivity of a wire.

The consistency of the new Democracy was well exemplified at Kansas City by placing on the committee on resolutions, to formulate and fulminate a drastic plank on trusts, Mr. Van Wycke, one of the participants in the infamous New York ice trust, who is now fighting an anti-trust law in the courts of New York. It may reasonably be presumed that when the anti-trust plank was adopted in committee all the members instinctively turned toward where Mr. Van Wycke sat and, with true Democratic unanimity, winked the other eye.

The Republican party is the party that does something. Mr. Bryan's private property party is the party that undoes something or will if it gets the opportunity and its courage does not fail it.

Early and Late.

Plodder (at 6 a. m.)—Hello, Rounder! What are you doing up so early?

Rounder—Hello, old fel! What are you doing out sho late?—Philadelphia Record.

Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.

THE REPUBLICAN COMMERCIAL POLICY.

The Republican commercial policy is one of resolute justice. It demands for the lowly peoples of Asia an open door for the commerce of the world, tariffs to be adjusted to the needs of those peoples but to be the same for all the world regardless of "spheres of influence" which robber nations may acquire.

And what is demanded from others is accorded to others. The trade of the Philippines is open to all the world upon the same terms that it is open to citizens of the United States. The Philippine tariff is imposed for the benefit of the Filipinos, not the Americans, and our late enemy, Spain, may trade there as freely as our own people.

This is that, "greedy commercialism," of which Mr. Bryan's platform deprecatingly speaks as being extended at the price of liberty. Why, it is laden with the spirit of liberty, liberality and equality.

Already our administration at Washington has warned the nations of Europe that, in dealing with China, the United States must be reckoned with, not as an applicant for territory or spheres of influence but as a nation rightfully demanding for its own commerce what it is willing to accord to the commerce of other nations.

And, paralyzing fear to all namby-pamby and white livered statesmanship, European nations know without being told that, so long as the Republican party is in power, the army and navy of the republic stand back of its just demands to insure compliance therewith.

If this were a world of punctitious courtesy and tireless regard among nations for the rights, privileges and prosperous comfort of commercial competitors a policy based upon "the persuasive power of a high and honorable example," might serve but inasmuch as it is not such a world the "persuasive power" and "high example" require the re-enforcement of a determined will and resolute aggressiveness that we may not only stand firmly for what we ought to have but reach out and take it. It will be vain to look to the new Democracy for that purposeful resolution which characterized the old Democracy.

Word has gone out to all the speakers and writers who are to aid in making Mr. Bryan's campaign to drop all mention of 16 to 1, and to reserve their thunder for the bogy of imperialism and with a side shot now and then to that other bogy the bad, bogy bank man. Having committed his party to the 16 to 1 policy Br. Bryan has no further use for that issue and will have none until, if the American people should be fatuitously so enclined, he might, peradventure, find himself in the presidential chair. Once in a position of authority and power his first hard work would be to reduce our financial system to chaos in an attempt to force the issue of free coinage upon the country. He has pledged his party to just that thing. He himself believes in it and the only way to keep him from it is to keep him at home. The purpose of the free silver party is too plain to be obsured and Republicans will not permit it to be obscured. The trick of moving heaven and earth to commit a political party to a definite policy and then apply the hushness of mumness to all the speakers and writers that the people may be beguiled into thinking that the issue has been dropped is too transparent a piece of political jugglery to work outside of a Spanish-American republic where every toy diverts the attention.

It was an edifying spectacle in Kansas City to note the enthusiasm with which delegates from states in the American union which have disfranchised voters by wholesale, for no other reason than the color of their skins, greeted the declaration that all men are created free and equal and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

It may not be generally called to mind that the doctrine that the constitution follows the flag was first expounded by John C. Calhoun in furtherance of his accompanying proposition that the constitution, by its own, unaided operation, carried human slavery into the territories, but such is the fact.

Lying side by side in specially prepared graves on the farm of the late Robert Bonner in New York are the remains of Dexter and Maud S, two of the greatest horses the world ever saw.

SEES HIS FINISH.



Democracy soliloquizes: "That last bottle nearly killed me; now I'm sure this one will finish me."—New York Tribune.

BRYANISM AND COMMERCE.

The favorite interest in the estimation of the old Democracy was commerce. Commercial expansion has been marshaled to do battle against the protective tariff ever since there has been a tariff on the statute books of the republic. The campaign of 1888 was made on flying the flag of the republic in all the seas of the earth and, to do this, the American merchant marine was to be rehabilitated.

But what does Mr. Bryan's party, through Mr. Bryan's convention at Kansas City, say in regard to commercial expansion and the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine? Only this: "We favor trade expansion by every peaceful and legitimate means, but we are unalterably opposed to the seizing, or purchasing of distant islands to be governed outside the constitution and whose people can never become citizens."

It is noticeable that none of these "peaceful and legitimate means" of expanding commerce were suggested, and the unalterable opposition expressed to the acquisition of strategic ports and islands would, if put into effective operation, preclude the possibility of an expanded and protected commerce in Pacific waters.

It was against the strenuous opposition of that party that Hawaii, the priceless pearl of the Pacific and strategic focus for all the trans-oceanic trade, came to fly the American flag above its legislative and executive halls.

The Island of Guam can never be a state in the American union, and it can never be an independent nationality. It must ever be governed from Washington and its people can never become citizens of the American republic with all the rights and privileges of American citizenship, but it possesses the best harbor in the farther waters of the Pacific and is as essential to a successful trans-Pacific commerce as a station for changing horses is essential to a long stage line. Whether there be wars or not our shipping now has thousands of miles from our shores, a home to go to, for coaling, provisioning, repairing or to fly for safety an incalculable advantage that Mr. Bryan's party would have turned its back upon because the inhabitants of the Island of Guam can not be made into American electors to vote the hybred ticket of the new Democracy.

The spiritless policy of this new Democracy would also stand impotently by and see the so-called robber nations of the earth shut the American merchant and manufacturer out of the ports of Asia, comforting the country for the loss of the trade of half of the human race by the assurance that there had been "extended" on our behalf all possible "influence" to be derived "through the persuasive power of a high and honorable example."

And this in a world where trade goes to the nation that can get it, where a resolute standing for the right is the alternative for submission to wrong, where the good that a nation would have must be gone after to be gotten!

It was not this spirit which prompted the old Democracy under President Fillmore to send Commodore M. C. Perry with a fleet of men-of-war to sail defiantly into the harbor at Yeddo and at the mouths of shotted guns compel Japan to emerge from hermitage and make a treaty of amity and commerce with the young republic then so full of courage and manly endeavor. For in those days there were men in the Democratic party.

Mr. Bryan's convention at Kansas City strangely forgot that its master came to the support of imperialism at a critical juncture and induced his friends in the United States senate to ratify the treaty of Paris and so transfer the sovereignty of the Philippine islands to the United States and that without his aid the treaty would not have been ratified.

Those men and papers who have talked so glibly of our nation having enslaved the Porto Ricans, the Cubans and the Filipinos have forgotten that the Republican party was not the party of slavery but of liberty, that its mission has been to free, not to shackle.

The reader never knew a Republican convention, orator or newspaper to strive to excite class prejudices, envy, bitterness of spirit, hate of other fellow citizens. It appeals to reason not to faction.

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GRAND GULF CAVERN

A GREAT CAVE THAT IS IN SOUTH-WESTERN MISSOURI.

Its Mysterious Depths Were First Explored by Two Men of More Than Ordinary Courage—The Story of Their Perilous Journey.

Southwest Missouri is full of strange earth formations that are called "natural" curiosities in spite of their unnaturalness. The earth is full of caves and sink holes. One of the most celebrated of these is the Grand Gulf, in Oregon county, about four miles from Koshkonong. It is a sort of canyon, in shape not unlike a horseshoe and serves the purpose of a drainage bed in the wet season for a 12 mile area of hills. The canyon is 220 feet deep, with a natural bridge in one place and a subterranean lake and river that opens at one end. The river only exists during the wet season, for the earth at the bottom of the canyon is porous and absorbs the water. The lake, however, is full the whole year round.

This cave, containing the subterranean river and lake, had never been explored to the end till the summer of 1885, when Pat Foley, a saloon keeper from Thayer, with a companion performed the exploit. Foley had made two trips before into the cave, but had not been able to secure a companion courageous enough to persevere in the enterprise. Each man had weakened and returned before the end of the cave was reached. On the third trip, however, Foley had with him a man of courage.

The entrance to the cave is wide and deep. The bed is of broken stones, over which trickles a tiny stream of water in the dry season. A hundred feet inside the cave the entrance suddenly narrows into a hole so small that a man must get on hands and knees to pass through. Beyond this narrow hole the entrance widens into a large grotto. There is a steep hill to climb; next the hill descends sharply into a lake. To penetrate to the end of this lake it was necessary to have a boat so small that it could be dragged through the narrow passage into the grotto.

Foley and his companion built a boat of suitable size and hauled it through the narrow entrance. They took with them also a long coil of rope, a quantity of matches, some railroad lanterns and four torches with cotton wadding on the ends soaked in kerosene. The cave of course is perfectly dark. The men used their lanterns till they got through the narrow place, but to their amazement the lantern flames inside the grotto slowly grew dim and finally went out. They tried to light them again, but the sulphur of the matches would flare up only to be extinguished immediately. The reason of this was that the atmosphere was exceedingly damp and heavy.

The men succeeded in lighting the four kerosene torches, and grasping one of them in each hand they made their way down the slope to the lake and stood the torches up between the rocks. The torches smoldered like hot coals, giving out very little flame. The boat was dragged down to the lake, the torches fastened at the prow and stern, one end of the rope tied to a bowlder and the rest of the coil thrown in the boat. When the two men sat down in the frail craft they found the water rose to within three inches of the gunwales. It was impossible to use oars without tipping the boat far enough to sink it, so the men were forced to paddle cautiously with their hands.

They forced the little craft into the unknown lake, the smoldering torches lighting up the blackness for only a few feet around them. Outside it was a warm summer day, they knew, but inside it was like a closed refrigerator, all blackness and dampness and cold. The water of the lake was ice cold, and at every few dips they had to stop and warm their hands. There was nothing to be seen on any side—nothing but darkness. No sound could penetrate the cavern. If the boat should capsize—as it was likely to do with the slightest disturbance—they would be cramped in a minute in the cold water without a chance of help from the outside.

After a long and tedious paddling the boat's prow was suddenly buried in a bank of mud and gravel. Foley took a torch and stepped out cautiously in his rubber boots into the mud. He found he had come to the end of the lake and that a sharply inclined wall of rock rose before him. The saloon keeper climbed up the wall about 40 feet above the lake searching for a continuance of the cavern. But he could find none. Apparently the cavern ended there. He returned to the boat, where his companion sat. The two men made their way across the lake and out through the narrow place in safety. They had been gone an hour, and their friends outside had begun to fear an accident had happened to them.

So far as people know, the cave in the Grand Gulf has no outlet. The Indian traditions about the cave are that it was a subterranean waterway much used at one time by boatmen, who used to carry provisions in boats to the Arkansas valley. If this be true, the river must have been stopped up many years ago by some convulsion of nature and the lake formed then.—Kansas City Star

The Wit Mr. Beecher Kept In.

In the early days of Mr. Beecher's career, when wit was unknown in the pulpit, some of the deacons of his church asked him if he didn't think such frequent outbursts of humor were calculated to diminish his usefulness. He listened patiently, and when they finished he said, "Brethren, if you only knew how many funny things I keep in you wouldn't complain about the few I let out."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Sarcastic.

Myer—Have you noticed what a lot of new houses are being put up all over the city?

Gyer—Yes, and I've been wondering why they don't put up a few old ones just for a change.—Chicago News.

In Turkey amber is supposed to be a specific against the evil effects of nicotine, and as the people are great lovers of tobacco they freely indulge in the use of it, but take care to safeguard themselves by having amber mouthpieces to their pipes.

A MIGHTY SNUG BALANCE.

No single fact can more strikingly tell the story of what Republican government means to the country than this—that while during the whole period, from 1801 to 1897, there was an excess of exports over imports of only $888,028,497, there has been in the short three years of the present Republican administration an excess of exports over imports in the enormous sum of $1,488,738,094.—Extract from Republican national platform.

And this in the face of the declaration of doctrinaires that all trade is essentially an interchange of commodities and that we cannot sell unless we buy! That is the theory of it.

The fact of the business is that, under the present Republican administration of the affairs of the nation, we have not only sold to other countries vastly more than we ever sold before, but we have bought less from other countries than we have usually bought in past years.

"What has become of the cash to balance this trade?" We have paid debts with it, repaid to Europe the millions upon millions that we borrowed since the civil war, and during the civil war, to put down a rebellion and develop the country by building railroads and otherwise subduing a wild, western waste.

"And what will we do with the cash balance in our favor when all these debts have been repaid?" We will lend the money to Europe or the rest of the world that needs it if we do not, but it is likely that we will find use for it in our own country in stimulating enterprise.

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His Musical Sense.

"What is your favorite opera?" asked the foreign gentleman.

Mr. Cumrox was about to answer "The Mikado," when he observed that the eyes of his wife and daughter were upon him. Then he assumed an air of nonchalance and answered:

"Oh, I don't care particular about the names of cigars or the titles of operas. I like to change around. I just tell 'em to give me a 25 cent cigar when I feel like smoking, and when I want music I enjoy any old $5 a seat opera."—Washington Star.

The Next Best Thing.

"I trust," said the new member of the school committee, "that you do not hold out to your pupils the misleading hope that each of them may be the president?"

"No, indeed," replied the dominie, "but I do not think that I err on the side of improbability when I teach them that each has a good chance of being a presidential possibility."—Harper's Bazar.

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WILLIAM McKINLEY, of Ohio.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT, of New York.

GIVE THE PUBLIC THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

Near Brandenburg, Kentucky, last Sunday morning, the horribly mutilated body of Mrs. Annie Brunton, a widow thirty years of age, was found. Her nephew, Jesse Durham, killed his aunt with a hickory club while they were returning from a church wedding. The murderer is twenty-seven years of age and recently left an insane asylum.

The above information we get from the Associate Press dispatches of the 7th instant. The circumstance is telegraphed all over the country as a matter of news and thus the matter drops; the large majority of those who read it passing it over as simply an unfortunate event, and dismiss it from their minds.

But the dispatch says the murderer "recently left an insane asylum." Why did he leave it? Echo answers why. The physicians in charge of that asylum don't know why, or this dreadful tragedy would not have been committed. These incompetent asses, calling themselves doctors of medicine, turned this man Jesse Durham loose upon an unsuspecting community which blindly relied upon their ability to determine whether he was sick or well. We contend that it is the business of these physicians to know whether a patient is cured or not, and if they have any doubt of the matter the public and not the patient should be given the benefit of that doubt.

What we need is an adjunct to our insane asylums in which a patient can be placed on probation; where he can enjoy all, or nearly all, the liberties of a sane person for a term of months, and until it is fully determined beyond peradventure that he is cured from his malady.

We are tired of the constant repitition of horrible murders committed by persons that have "recently left an insane asylum." Thousands of innocent and unsuspecting relatives, relying implicitly on the physicians in charge of asylums, are made victims each year of the incompetency of such doctors. It is time to call a halt. It is time to class an insane patient among incurables until we find a physician with ability enough to determine as to the truth of the matter absolutely and without any question of doubt. For this purpose asylums have been built and for this purpose they are maintained at an enormous expense.

The next legislature of this State should provide for a probationary incarceration of insane people after they have been released from the general asylum. By doing this many lives will be saved. Had this been done in Kentucky, Mrs. Annie Brunton would not have had her brains knocked out by a loving nephew. We repeat, give the public the benefit of the doubt.

OVERCONFIDENCE.

The weakness of the Republican campaign of 1900 is overconfidence. Everybody, including our brethren of the good old Bourbon stripe, say that McKinley is sure to be reelected. The Democrats do not say it in so many words, but in their actions they say it, and this leads many Republicans into the dangerous quagmire of overconfidence.

Brethren, do not take any chances. We can't afford it. The country can't afford it. Make every move on the campaign chess board as if the game was in jeopardy. Take no chances. McKinley must be reelected. The welfare of 70,000,000 people demand it and it is the duty of every Republican to do all in his power to bring it about. Guard against overconfidence; work early and late and do your whole duty until the victory is won.

ANOTHER cablegram, dated August 7th, from Minister Conger at Peking states that the situation in China is more precarious than it was before. The Chinese Government insists upon the ministers leaving Peking, but that would mean certain death. All connected with the legation of the United States were well upon the sending of the cablegram. The legation is running short of ammunition and provisions. The allied forces in China number 100,000 men.

CALIFORNIA WINES AT PARIS

Hon. W. H. Mills on Their Disadvantages.

METHOD OF JUDGING THE WINES BY JURIES

Possible That California Wines May Be Re-examined Upon Quality Regardless of Labels.

The San Francisco Call of August 4th contained the following interesting and instructive letter from Hon. Wm. H. Mills, director of the Southern Pacific Company's exhibit at the Paris Exposition:

To the Editor of the Call: In your issue of July 1st I find a very able and very thoughtful editorial on the subject of the treatment which the California wine exhibit has received at the hands of the jury of award. You state the facts with accuracy when you say that California wines, bearing French labels, were denied the right of competition, and you draw correct inferences as to the deleterious effect of this decision upon the reputation of our wines in the commercial world. The declaration goes forth as a sweeping denunciation of the entire California wine product. It is the equivalent of declaring that California does not make wine, but that it is engaged in the practice of counterfeiting the wines made by other countries; that the wine of California is not a natural product of its soil and its climate; that these soils and climates are not adapted to viticulture; hence the viticulturists are simply counterfeiting the products of other countries, falsifying the types of wines in France and feloniously labeling this counterfeit production with well established brands in order to give these imitations acceptance at the hands of the commercial world.

While your inferences are accurately drawn, your conclusions justifiable, your condemnation of the juries of award is somewhat more severe than the facts of the case warrant.

The juries had before them the wines of various clessifications. For illustration, the Burgundy wine of California was placed beside the Burgundy wines of France. A member of the jury who is a resident of the Burgundy district, France, said that the Burgundies from California were good wines, palatable and sound. He himself liked them and used them, but they were not the true Burgundy type. If they had been presented as California wines, if the labels had been a declaration of the facts without the possibility of deception, if the appearance of counterfeit and imitation had been absent, the wines would have been considered on their merit. They were not presented as California wines, but as Burgundy wines.

This objection applies to all the wines from California bearing French labels and placed on exhibition under French names. It is true these labels declared them to be a California product, but at the same time it declared them to be Burgundy wine, not "California wine, Burgundy type."

Suppose fruit, the varieties of which had originated in California, was placed on exhibition at the Pan-American Exposition next year at Buffalo. Suppose, further, that this fruit, bearing a California name, San Jose, Vacaville, Los Angeles or Riverside, declaring itself to be San Jose fruit, Vacaville fruit or Riverside fruit, and further declaring itself to be from the same specific orchard, from these places, which, in fact, had been grown in New Jersey, South America or Canada, and of inferior quality to the fruit of California. Would the people of California endure with patience this counterfeit presentation? In the markets of the world the genuine California fruit and its imitation would stand together. The consumer would confound these names, oblivious to the fact that the name of the inferior fruit had been adopted merely because the fruit resembled in type that raised in California. It is obvious that these fruits would stand related to each other before a jury of award as a genuine and a counterfeit. One would be real and the other an imitation. The California variety would be the original brand, seeking to establish itself throughout the world upon its merit. The other would be the same brand covering inferior goods and injurious to the reputation of the brand itself.

If oranges were exposed for sale in New York, Rome, Cuba and Florida, upon the package containing which was inscribed "Riverside Navels," that would be a highly different inscription from the declaration that these oranges resembled Riverside navels, or belonged to that type. In the first instance, if they were inferior, they would injure the brand. In the second instance, the inscription would pay tribute to the superiority of the brand imitated.

The member of the jury of award from the Burgundy district, already quoted, declared that if the labels upon the wines had been removed and in the absence of names numbers had been used, as for instance, "California wine, Burgundy type, No. 12," the wine would have been permitted to compete upon its merit.

As it is, a jury of award in a tournament as broad as the productive capacity of the world, has practically decided that the wines of California are not wines, but are merely attempted imitations, consciously and purposely counterfeiting the brands of France, Germany and Switzerland.

This should have been foreseen by the honorable commissioners from California and guarded against. It was competent at all times to have obtained a fair consideration of the merit of the California product, to have received such awards as the merits of our wines would have justified, and have attached these awards to the particular brand of wine receiving them. The French authorities have been more than fair; even hospitably accommodating. No difficulty would have been encountered in so adjusting this matter that the wines of California, as California wine, would have been considered by juries of award upon their merits. Hundreds of wine experts have tasted the California wines brought here and have pronounced them of excellent quality. Many of these have declared to me that there is a vast market for these wines in Europe and throughout the world; but they have uniformly objected to having these wines go into the channels of commerce under names which would confound them with the original brands of wine. If their quality had been decidedly superior to that of the same brands of wine originating here in France, in Germany, or in Switzerland, the absence of all objection would have been easily apprehended; but every one who has visited France can testify that the exported article, of wines and beers at least, is inferior to the domestic article. Wines made in France for export purposes are uniformly fortified. It is scarcely necessary to say to any one skilled in the production or in the care of wines that when they are exported they pass under conditions of variableness of temperature, conditions of cellarage, of movement, of agitation, which are liable to deteriorate their quality.

It may be asserted that we do not know the Chateaux Yquem wine in America as it is known in France, or, in other words, the Chateaux Yquem wine in France, sold here for domestic consumption, is vastly superior to the same brand consumed in foreign countries.

I beg to emphasize the statement that a judicious anticipation of these difficulties would have avoided the injurious verdict of the exposition authorities.

I trust you will pardon the intrusion of one other matter, which possesses broader general interest. Awards are not made with reference wholly to the value of the article presented. The conditions of production are considered; the rate of wages paid; the healthfulness of the occupation; the purchasing power of the wages paid in the production of the article; the treatment of the labor with reference to the conservation of life and of accidents.

If an article was presented in competition with other articles of the same class and which was itself the product of slave labor, it would not be permitted to enter the competition because of the social or industrial feature attending its production. This will be better understood by citing a specific case. Williams & Co.'s Drop-forging Works of Brooklyn, N. Y., claimed the grand prize in the iron product on the ground of the treatment of their employes. Their product is equally good with other articles in competition. They claim superiority in many things—the healthfulness of their shops, the ventilation of the apartments occupied by the workmen, the care taken to prevent accidents to workmen by using the most perfect and safest machinery, the establishment of fire escapes, of a perfect fire drill, guaranteeing their workmen against a disaster from fire, the rate of wages paid, the conveniences and comfort of the workmen during working hours, the sanitary condition of the shops and the opportunities for promotion among their employes. These are conditions precedent to the receipt of the grand prize.

All honer to France. She has paid this tribute to the nobility of labor. This policy elevates and dignifies the entire exposition.

Every exhibitor is handed a blank form, which when properly filled expresses all conditions having reference to the rights of labor employed in the production of any article. It is a noble conception that the product of slave labor will not be permitted a place in the world's exposition. That product which comes into existence in utter disregard of the rights of man is not recognized as having any illustrative value in the industrial world, and this better view has attended all the expositions held in France.

Suppose we had applied these conditions to the production of wine in California. There is no country where the labor employed receives a higher reward than in our own country. There is no country where the civil and religious rights of the laborer are more respected than in our own State. There is no country where the opportunity for rising from lower to higher conditions is more favorable to labor.

France inaugurated a series of industrial and commercial tournaments, the first of which was held, as already indicated, in 1819. By an inevitable evolutionary process the exhibitions of France have risen to the dignity of broad sociological as well as industrial contests.

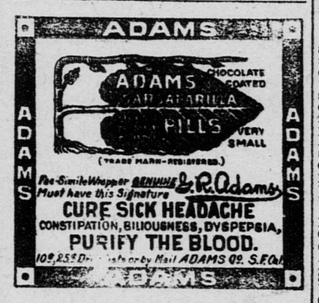
The supposition which has obtained among our people that any one, however inexperienced, is fit to be intrusted with the administration of our exhibitions abroad is based upon a very obvious fallacy. The exhibit itself must expose at the same time not only its intrinsic merit but incidentally the industrial conditions which attend its creation. A product, whatever its merit may be, which has been brought into existence in total disregard of the health, happiness and prosperity of the men who create it has no value as an industrial illustration since the penalty of its production would be the degredation of labor.

This great exposition is in its highest sense a tournament of civilization. Whatever the mind of man has conceived or his hands have wrought useful to humanity is here. Merit they must possess to receive consideration, but that merit must be accompanied be considerations as broad as the natural rights of man and as far-reaching as the moral obligations which rest upon every individual. It will be a matter of sincere regret to our people that the full requirements of the exposition were not complied with; nor was such compliance even attempted in the remotest degree. In material and moral well being California moves upon a plane as high as that which has been attained by man anywhere in the civilized world, and the exposition of that fact is worth more to a commonwealth which is inviting a reinforcement of population and capital than the most adequate exposition of its material resources.

WM. H. MILLS,
29 Boulevard des Italiens.
Paris, July 18, 1900.

Editor Call, San Francisco, Cal.—Dear Sir: Supplementing my letter of July 18, permit me to say that in answer to a letter addressed to the Commissioner General for the United States calling attention to the desirability of having the California wines examined on their merit, ignoring their labels, I am in possession this morning of a letter from Mr. J. H. Gore, "juror in chief," by which I am informed that the most recent decision of the jury on wines was to the effect that all wines would be examined by the jury and the statement made concerning the labels would be referred to the administration for decision. Mr. Gore adds that he will watch the matter as it develops, but hopes to receive a decision that will consider only the quality of the wine, independent of the label which it may bear. If this course is pursued—and I now have no reason to doubt that it will be—whatever award of merit the California wines will receive will be upon the naked merit of the article itself, and in this way whatever injury the former decision may have inflicted will be in a very great measure neutralized. This decision of the jury of award will supply the evidence of a disposition on the part of the jury of award to treat our products fairly, were such evidence wanting, and it may be accepted as a cause of congratulation that the just merit of our wine product is to be recognized.

Yours very truly,
WW. H. MILLS.
Paris, July 21, 1900.



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CALL FOR REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

AT A MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN County Central Committee held in Jackson, August 9, 1900, it was ordered that the Republican County Convention be held in Levaggi's Hall, Sutter Creek, on

Monday, Sept. 17, 1900,

at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the nomination of an Assemblyman, and Supervisors in Townships 1, 2 and 4 respectively, and also for the selection of a new County Central Committee, and for such other business as may properly come before the convention.

At said meeting of the County Central Committee official notice was also received that the State Central Committee of the Republican party of California had regularly called a State Convention of said party to meet at Santa Cruz on Wednesday, September 5, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Primaries for the election of delegates to said County and State Conventions and for the Congressional Convention, are hereby ordered to be held throughout the county on

Saturday, Aug. 25, 1900,

The basis of apportionment of delegates to said county convention, and upon which said delegates are to be elected is: One delegate in each precinct in the county for every 30 votes polled of the average vote cast in such county for the county candidates of the Republican party of California, in and for the county of Amador, at the last preceding general election, and one delegate for a remainder of 10 votes or over; provided, that any precinct casting less than such remainder vote for the said county candidates shall nevertheless be entitled to one delegate.

This basis of apportionment will give the following number of delegates to said county convention to be elected from each precinct:

North Jackson	6
South Jackson	3
West Jackson	6
Center Jackson	5
Clinton	2
North Ione	4
South Ione	6
Lancha Plana	1
Buena Vista	1
Volcano	4
Pine Grove	2
Oleta	3
Antelope	1
East Sutter Creek	6
West Sulter Creek	5
North Amador	3
South Amador	1
North Plymouth	3
South Plymouth	2
Drytown	3
Forest Home	2
Total	67

as said precincts were known and bounded at the time of the general election in 1898.

The basis of apportionment of delegates to said State and Congressional conventions, and upon which said delegates are to be elected is: One delegate in each combination of precincts forming a supervisor township in the county for every 200 votes polled of the average vote cast in such county for the state candidates of the Republican party of California, in and for the county of Amador, at the last preceding general election, and one delegate for a remainder of 100 votes or over; provided, that any such combination of precincts casting less than such remainder vote for the said State candidates shall nevertheless be entitled to one delegate.

This basis of apportionment will give the following number of delegates to said State and Congressional convention to be elected from each of said combination of precincts:

North Jackson, South Jackson, West Jackson, Center Jackson, Clinton	Township One.	2
North Ione, South Ione, Lancha Plana, Buena Vista	Township Two.	1
Volcano, Pine Grove, Oleta, Antelope	Township Three	1
East Sutter Creek, West Sutter Creek, North Amador, South Amador	Township Four	1
North Plymouth, South Plymouth, Drytown, Forest Home	Township Five	1
	Total	6

as said precincts were known and bounded at the time of the general election in 1898.

The election precincts, location of polling places, and names of Primary Election Officers are as follows:

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N. Jackson Precinct, S. Jackson " , W. Jackson " , C. Jackson " — B F Taylor, Judge; L J Fontenrose Inspec'r; Jas E Dye Jr, Clerk. Polls at Peterson's Shoe Store, Webb Building, Main street.

Clinton Precinct — A Douet, Judge; Robt Reed, Clerk. Polls at Wesley Hutchins' house.

TOWNSHIP TWO.

N. Ione Precinct, S. Ione " — John Robinson, Judge; Scott Andrews, Inspe'r; J F Scott, Clerk. Polls at Pavilion.

Lancha Plana Prec't. — Chris Kientz, Judge; R W Lipkeman, Clerk. Polls at Palmer's Hall.

Buena Vista Prec't. — J C Norris, Judge; I N Chitwood, Clerk. Polls at Norris' Hall.

TOWNSHIP THREE.

Volcano Precinct — P A Clute, Judge; S H Loree, Inspector; Willis Boydston, Clerk. Polls at Armory Hall.

Pine Grove Precinct — Clar'ce Bradshaw, J'ge; O L Webster, Clerk. Polls at Pine Grove Hall.

Oleta Precinct — Claud Wilson, Judge; G Schroder, Clerk. Polls at United States Hotel office room.

Antelope Precinct — Thos McKenzie, Judge; B F Rutledge, Clerk. Polls at French Camp.

TOWNSHIP FOUR.

E Sutter Creek Prec't, W Sutter Creek Prec't — J H Kerfoot, Judge; J Dennis, Inspector; Ed Tibbits, Clerk. Polls at Amador Electric Power House

N Amador Precinct, S Amador " — Oscar Martin, Judge; J R Tregloan, Inspec'r; W E Whitehead, Clerk. Polls at O'Neil's Hall.

TOWNSHIP FIVE.

N Plymouth Precinct, S Plymouth " — Geo W Easton, Judge; E S Potter, Inspector; Laurence Burke, Clerk. Polls at Randolph's Hall.

Drytown Precinct — Wm Jennings, Judge; E S Barney, Inspector; Allen McWayne, Clerk. Polls at School House.

Forest Home Precinct. — M Hardigan, Judge; J McCulloh, Clerk. Polls at Forest Home Hall.

That the test of right to vote at the Primary Election under this Call shall be: "I affirm that I am an elector of this Precinct, have not voted before at this Primary, am registered or will register, and in good faith intend to support the nominees of the Republican Party at the coming election."

The Polls will be open from six-thirty p. m. to nine o'clock p. m.

Republicans in said various Precincts are recommended to meet in caucus on

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 23, 1900,

to nominate candidates as delegates to the county convention to be voted for at the primaries, and also to arrange in township caucuses on the same evening to nominate candidates as delegates to the State and Congressional conventions to be voted for at the same primaries.

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WITH SEEKERS AFTER GOLD

A New Pump for the Defender Mine.

WORK AT THE VORLANDER IS SUSPENDED

A Rich Strike at Fair Oaks.—Examination of the Rawhide and App Mines.

Modoc—Volcano.

The tunnel at the Modoc mine near Volcano will be run in to meet the ledge and a crew left Jackson for that purpose this morning. T. Schenck has charge of this mine at present and expects to make a good mine of the property.

Lincoln–Sutter Creek.

Crosscutting on the 1200-foot level is now going on in the Lincoln mine near Sutter Creek, and a station is being cut on the 650-foot level preparatory to crosscutting, to strike the ore body lower down.

Defender—West Point.

The Defender mine some distance out of West Posnt, but in this county, is looking well and movements on the property indicate prosperith. A large steam pump has been put in the past week. C. H. Norton has been working the tailings over a canvass plant since the middle of last month, and is doing well.

Mining Near Volcano.

George A. Gritton is running a tunnel into a bed of free washing gravel about a mile north of Volcano. The tunnel is in about 900 feet but Mr. Gritton expects to add 700 feet to its present length before breasting and other development work is done. Three men are at work in the tunnel.

M. Christensen of Volcano was in Jackson this week. Mr. Christensen has a very valuable mining property at Volcano that has been paying very large dividends recently. A tunnel is run into an old lava-capped river channel of cement gravel and is quite rich. Several parties are at work on the property and Mr. Christenson receives one-fourth of the production.

CALAVERAS COUNTY

Chronicle: Work of driving the main tunnel on the French Hill quartz mine, near Mokelumne Hill, is progressing well with two shifts of men under the able management of T. E. McSorley. A survey and surface location of the tunnel was recently made by C. M. Burleson, our local surveyor. From the maps prepared we find the main tunnel to be in 639 feet, exposing a vein averaging six feet in width, all of which, from information received from reliable sources, carries values sufficient to warrant the construction of a mill in the near future. The walls are perfect, standing at an angle of 65 degrees. The filling, with the quartz, is of block slate with gouge on either wall, all of which carries a high percentage of sulphurets which assays $54 per ton. The tunnel is 210 feet, vertical, below the surface at head. Owing to the nature of the material great headway is being made. From appearances about the mine it looks like business, and we predict success to the owners.

The pumps at the Vorlander mine at Middle Bar, this county, were taken out on Friday of last week. Work is suspended on account of the shortage of water for power. The mine looks well, and work will be resumed as soon as power can be had.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Independent: The strike at the Fair Oaks is attracting much attention. Some of the rock is very rich, up in the thousands per ton, while the main ledge is rich in sulphurets. The management is well pleased with the outlook.

Work is rapidly progressing at the Slapjack mine. The company has let a contract to sink 150 feet and drift 400 feet, which will open up considerable ground and will probably be the means of opening up a big mine.

John McCallum, the superintendent of the Kanaka, is in San Francisco on business connected with the mine. It has been reported that they are going to put up a 10-stamp mill at the Duluke mine. Very little has been said of this mine, but it looks as though it was all right.

Water is getting rather scarce around Big Oak Flat and Groverland. It was thought for a while that the Longfellow mine would have to close down the mill on account of water being so scarce, but they have made the necessary arrangements to get water from the Mississippi mine, and are now in a position to keep the mill running.

R. W. Byrne and B. A. Hinkle were over to Carters last week and located a mining claim on the Tuolumne river, which, in the course of time, should be a good dividend paying proposition if once it was opened up by some large company. The ledge is about 60 feet wide and can easily be worked by water power from the river. There is enough ore in sight to run a 100-stamp mill for a good many years.

The Rawhide and App mines are undergoing another examination, this time by G. W. Hudleston of New York, who is said to represent the English syndicate which has been negotiating for the twin properties for the past six months, with very little encouraging results.

The Confidence mine closed operations last Wednesday as far as development work is concerned. About seventeen miners will be retained for the purpose of re-timbering the shaft, which will require about two months' time. The ore on hand will be milled before the stamps cease working.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

Nugget: A deed was filed for record to-day at the office of the County Recorder whereby W. H. Martin conveys to Alvinza Hayward the Superior quartz mine in Diamond district, the consideration being $15,000. The mine, better known to residents of this city as the Ribbon Rock, has been operated for a number of months by Hayward under a bond.

Rapid headway is being made in the drifts both north and south that are now being run on the 200-foot level of the Ribbon Rock mine south of this city. The south drift is now in over one hundred feet and the north drift has been driven a distance of sixty feet. The entire face of both is in good milling ore. Three eight hour shifts are employed at this property.

Messrs. M. M. Drew of Sacramento and P. C. Cohn and J. H. Donnelly of Folsom are putting a large force of men at work on their river bed mine at Salmon Falls. They are giving white men the preference, but are forced to hire a few Chinese owing to the fact that good white laborers are scarce. The section of the river to be worked has been dammed, and a centrifugal pump has been set up to keep the water out of the pit. The outlook of the mine is very promising.

Preparations are being made by the Two Channel Mining Company for extensive development work on the Wilton claim near Josephine.

Work has been suspended temporarily at the Gold Bug mine near Georgetown.

The Kimble mine south of this city is now employing 31 men. About 130 car loads of gravel are put through the mill during the ten hours it runs each day.

The Columbus Development Company, whose principal place of business is Oakland, location of works El Dorado county, has levied an assessment, No. 1, of three and one-half cents per share on the capital stock of the company, delinquent September 17th. The Columbus company was engaged for a number of months last year and early this year in developing the Columbus quartz mine on Cold Springs Flat, three miles west of this city. They contemplate an early resumption of development work on the property.

Development work at the Ribbon Rock mine, south of this city, is steadily progressing. Three eight-hour shifts are steadily driving the tunnels forward both north and south from the 200-foot level.

The flattering prospects that energetic prospectors have been receiving this year both on Big Silver Creek and near the head of Slab Creek would seem to justify the hope that another season will witness great activity in gravel mining in both of these districts. At the South Slope gravel mine, which is being opened at King's Meadows, pans running as high as a dollar and a half to the pan have been obtained and equally good pans have been washed at the Big Silver placers. Hundreds of square miles of territory are embraced in the two districts, all of which will receive the attention of prospectors during the coming season.

The new boarding house at the Expansion mine, eight miles west of this city, has been completed. The machinery for the mill is being hauled from the railroad depot at Shingle Springs and installed.

The Crystal mine, three miles south of Shingle Springs, has been sold by Boarman Brothers & Simpson to Woodruff & Mau. The new owners will at once equip the mine with a five-pan Huntington mill. They expect to be able to mill fifty tons a day. The plant will be arranged so as to be operated both by steam and water power. The Crystal is a big low-grade proposition, the ledge at the deepest workings being about 25 feet in breadth.

A Drilling Challenge.

In the issue of the Sonora Mother Lode of August 4th appeared the following challenge by Louis Page:

Editor Mother Lode: I see that John Kitto, who recently challenged any man in California to drill him, double-handed, one man to strike fifteen minutes, which challenge I accepted, is now changing his program, and calls for a change of hands every minute. He is making new conditions after I have called his bluff, and still calls himself champion driller of California. I do not drill by points, nor am I a pretty driller. I am betting my money on who will sink a hole the deeper in fifteen minutes work. I will drill John Kitto for fun, marbles or any amount of money he can raise, in any kind of rock, with any hammers or any steel he may choose. I will drill him dry rock, face hole or down hole. I give him the choice of these three holes, the contest to come off on the 3d of next September, at Stent, after the other drilling matches are over, and let the miners' union appoint the judges to decide who is the best man. Put up or shut up. L. PAGE,

Champion rock driller of California.

Sonora, August 1, 1900.

A New Mining Company.

The Wataga Gold Mining Company was organized in Jackson last Wednesday. The organization of this company is for the purpose of working and developing the old river channel in the vicinity of Volcano.

The following officers were elected: President, L. Cassinelli; Vice President, A. Caminetti; Secretary, Al Lehn; Treasurer, P. A. Clute; these together with George A. Gritton and Robert C. Bole constitute the board of directors.

Ill With Typhoid Fever.

Robert Roddick has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever for the past five weeks. He was, at last accounts, resting easily, but no change in his condition was perceptible.

Sprained His Ankle.

One night this week John Moyle while at work in the Argonaut mine, sustained a severe sprain of the ankle. He was standing upon some staging when it gave way, and fell a distance of twelve feet.

AMADOR CITY

"E. Lois" Sends the "Ledger" a Few Personals This Week.

AMADOR CITY, Aug. 7, 1900.

Miss Lucy Wedge and Miss Emma Jacobs were guests of Miss Laura Case Thursday.

Miss Laurel Lathleen and Miss Kate Weston visited Miss Lillie Setzer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson of Bunker Hill are visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. J. Thomas has returned from a visit with her daughter at Sacramento.

Ethel Hartwick left this morning for San Francisco where she will resume her studies at the High School.

Jack Plummer of Grass Valley is in town.

Fred Beskeen returned to Sacramento Monday after a visit with relatives here.

Thomas Chichizola and son Jamie are spending a few days in the city. After awhile Jamie will take a business course at the Santa Clara Business College.

Miss Bertha Bowell is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wagstaff.

Wm. McLaughlin and family are spending a part of the summer at the lakes.

John Perryman visited friends in Shenandoah Valley Saturday.

Henry Allen and Archie Thompson returned yesterday from a visit to the mountains.

Mrs. Chichizola and little daughter, Lucy, are visiting friends in Sutter.

Miss Alpha Martin expects to leave Wednesday for Irvington where she will visit with friends for some time.

Oscar Burris visited friends in Sutter Sunday.

Rev. Whitaker spent Friday with Amador friends.

John A. Bennetts spent Sunday at the Kennedy.

Geo. Buttschider, who has been employed at the Amador Meat Market, returned to Alameda last week.

Lawrence Ball of Plymouth was over last week.

Dr. R. G. Preshaw has been in town a few days.

Church services throughout the week as usual. Morning theme—"The Power of Meditation." Evening—"An Impending Revolution." E. LOIS.

Many a Lover

Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist. *

ADMISSION DAY.

How the Ninth of September Is To Be Celebrated.

Under the auspices of the Native Sons of the Golden West, for a number of years past, the admission of California into the Union has been celebrated in various cities of the State. Ten years ago the celebration was held in San Francisco, and it was then determined that the Fiftieth Anniversary of California's Statehood should likewise be held in the State's metropolis.

The committees have been actively at work for some time and are making elaborate preparations. It has been determined that the celebration will commence on the night of Saturday, Sept. 8th, and conclude on the night of Tuesday, Sept. 11th.

A naval sham-battle, sacred concerts in the several parks, baseball, polo and vaquero games, parades, rowing and sailing regatta, an excursion about the Bay with stops at the Mare Island Navy Yard and Union Iron Works, an electric parade, exhibition by the Fire Department and a review of troops at the Presidio are among the entertaining and instructive features of the celebration.

Each county in the State is urged to make an industrial display and contribute a float to the parade, and thereby indicate California's material development, as well as testifying to our sentimental regards for our State.

The Finest Building Lots.

Remember that W. P. Peek has the finest building lots for sale in Jackson. Terms easy. See display advertisement in this paper. 3-2-tf

Health Officer's Report.

Abated ten public nuisances. Have to report eighteen deaths for July. Causes: three accidental, one tubercuosis, one whooping cough, two Bright's disease, one malformation of the heart, two smallpox. Also report the existence of thirteen cases of smallpox in Jackson, one in Volcano, two in Sutter Creek, three near Amador City and one at Ranlett Station. All mild and properly quarantined.

E. E. ENDICOTT,
County Health Officer.

A Sore Finger.

James Meehan, of the mounted quarantine guard, is suffering considerable inconvenience from the forefinger of the right hand. It is thought that the finger was bitten by an insect and that the buckskin riding gloves had conveyed poison to the puncture. Mr. Meehan was compelled to walk his beat yesterday, and is just as deeply interested in his work as ever.

Visiting the Celebration.

Anyone visiting San Francisco during the N. S. G. W. celebration on September 9th can secure good and pleasant rooms by notifying in advance as there will be a great demand for rooms, by addressing

ST. JAMES CORNER,
McAllister & Laguna.

This house is conducted by Mrs. Emma C. Hatch, an old resident of Jackson and Sutter Creek. 1t

Sick Headaches,

The curse of overworked womankind, are quickly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood-purifier and tissue-builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price, 25c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist. *

The best flour made is made in Ione. Use Peerless. 6-22-tf

Robbed While He Slept.

Last Saturday Nick Gardella, an employe of the Kennedy mine, came to Jackson and called on the Sheriff. Gardella had a profit and loss account to tell in which he was the loser. On Friday night about 11 o'clock he laid down on his bed and went to sleep. He had $145 in the pocket of his overshirt. Upon awaking in the morning the first thing he did, of course, was to put his hand in his pocket to see if his money was there, but to his dismay it was missing. He immediately sought the Sheriff and told him his suspicions. After listening intently to the statements of Gardella, Sheriff Gregory went to the Kennedy and arrested S. A. Marchant, who occupied a bed in the room adjoining Gardella's and who, it seems, knew that Gardella had the money on his person. When arrested Marchant denied having stolen the money.

Since writing the above we have been informed that the accused man has made and filed an affidavit with Justice H. Goldner to the effect that on Saturday, August 4th, he found a purse containing $145 near a miner's sleeping house near the Kennedy mine and that the owner is unknown to him and that the purse and contents are still under his control.

We understand that this affidavit has been filed in conformity with the law as laid down in the Political Code relating to "Lost and Unclaimed Property."

Criminal Returns.

H. GOLDNER, JUSTICE.

People vs John Hdnley—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and given 10 days in jail; costs $7.15.

People vs John McKevar—Misdemeanor; plead guilty; paid fine of $8; costs $7.15.

People vs A. Baker—Misdemeanor; plead guilty; given 15 days in jail; costs $7.15.

People vs Lawrence Cassinelli—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and paid fine of $7; costs $7.

People vs Dan Driscoll—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and paid fine of $7; costs $7.

People vs G. Balde—Misdemeanor; case dismissed; costs $7.

People vs G. Barber—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and given 10 days in jail; costs $7.15.

People vs Joe Cortot—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and paid fine of $8; discharged; costs $7.15.

People vs George Holstein—Misdemeanor; plead not guilty; withdrew plea of not guilty and plead guilty; given 20 days in jail; costs $10.70.

People vs George Kirby—Misdemeanor; plead guilty and given 10 days in jail: costs $7.15.

People vs Ed Joy—Insanity; warrant issued for arrest; brought before Medical Board of Examiners and committed to Napa Insane Asylum.

People vs M. Bierce—Misdemeanor; plead guilty; paid fine of $7; costs $7.

Standard Employe Injured.

An employe of the Standard Electric Company was injured last Tuesday, below the new power plant. A company of men were raising poles from the gulch to some distance up the hill side where they were "planted" in the afternoon by horse power. While one of the poles was being raised, some of the rocks were disturbed and rolled down the hill, one of them bounding and alighting on the head of one of the men, knocking him down and rendering him unconscious for some time. The man finally came to and upon examination it was found that he was but slightly injured.

Hospital Report.

County Physician Endicott submitted the following Hospital report to the Board of Supervisors last Monday:

ADMITTED.

E. M. Carpenter, July 6, 1900.
G. Shiek, July 6, 1900.

DISCHARGED.

Arad Frederkson, July 2, 1900.
Samuel Cissna, July 11, 1900.
Mrs. S. J. Bean, July 18, 1900.
Thos. B. Dixon, July 19, 1900.
Daniel Holstein, July 21, 1900.
Andrew Martin, July 31, 1900.

DIED.

Andrew Pierson, July 15, 1900, of tubercolosis.

Amos Barber, July 28, of epilepsy.

At the time of the July report there were fifty-one patients in the County Hospital, and on August 1st there were forty-five.

Young Mothers.

Croup is the terror of thousands of young mothers, because its outbreak is so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure acts like magic in cases of Croup. It has never been known to fail. The worst cases relieved immediately. Price, 25c, 50c and $1. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist*

A Phenomenal Egg.

Last Tuesday an egg of extraordinary size was laid by a Plymouth Rock hen owned by C. D. Chapman. The egg measured in circumference eight and a half inches lengthwise and seven inches the other way. The hen is about eighteen months old and of ordinary size.

Buried at Jackson.

The remains of the late Domenico Marchini were brought from Sutter Creek and interred in the Jackson cemetery last Sunday.

Deceased had lived in these parts for several years and found occupation in mining. He recently contracted miner's consumption and on Thursday, August 2d, died. He was a member of the Jackson Italian Benevolent Society.

McCall's Magazine.

By reference to our clubbing rates our readers will see that we furnish McCall's Magazine, an especial favorite with the ladies, and the AMADOR LEDGER, both one year for only $2.25. Each subscriber receives a McCall Magazine pattern, which is worth at least one-fifth of the price paid. If our people desire cheap and profitable reading we are prepared to furnish it. *

M. E. Church Services.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday, 7:30. F. A. Morrow, pastor. †

THE SUPERVISORS CONVENE

They Transact Business of the County.

SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Messrs. Stevens and NcKinney to Transfer Trout From Plasse Creek to Silver Lake.

The Board of Supervisors met this 6th day of August, 1900, and the following proceedings had:

Roll call. Present—A. B. McLaughlin, chairman; P. Dwyer, J. T. Clifton, M. Brinn, F. B. LeMoin.

Minutes of meeting of July 2d read and approved, also minutes of July 20th.

The following claims on Current Expense Fund were allowed, to-wit:

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.	
Geo F Mack, Board of Education	$ 10 00
F W Parker, nightwatchman	10 00
S G. Spagnoli, rev. and postage stamps	18 75
Wm Going, janitor	60 00
Belluomini & Quillbick, cleaning sewers	12 50
S G Spagnoli, bounty on blue jays and mag-pies	5 22
C Rightmyer, water for court house and hall of records	3 00
Amador Co. Pub. Co., printing	23 50
J E Kelley, constable fees	6 00
R I Kerr, stationery	39 15
C P Vicini, traveling expenses	19 00
R I Kerr, stationery	13 35
A Mattley, hauling dead horse	2 00
U S Gregory, boarding prisoners	81 00
M Lawrence, rebate on taxes	2 90
Guarding infected houses	1145 25
Fumigating " "	187 00
I B Goldner, telegraphing, etc	4 25
A E Gartlin, board of education	5 00
E V Lonigo, examining insane	10 00
V L McLaughlin, board of education	5 00
Geo A Gordon, engraving diplomas	12 09
Jas McCauley, justice fees	9 14
Sunset T & T Co., district attorney office	1 10
A Piccardo, hauling freight	1 65
W H Greenhalgh, board of education	5 00
Sunset T & T Co., sheriff's office	9 25
Geo A Gordon, board of education	5 00
Jackson Gas Co., hall of records	70
H Goldner, justice fees	15 00
Sunset T & T Co., hall of records	12 75
Amador E L & Ry Co	3 00
P Kelly, constable fees	24 20
G A Gritton, coroner fees	44 50
Jackson Gas Co., court house	2 45
E E Endicott, health officer	50 00
J H Heffren, constable fees	4 00
Glavinovich and Parker, supplies	118 30
C H Bonham, lime	19 59
Eudey & Marre, meat	9 40
A B Caminetti, supplies	6 10
A B McLaughlin, mileage	6 00
M Brinn, mileage	1 60
F B LeMoin, mileage	4 00
J T Clifton, mileage	5 60
HOSPITAL FUND.	
C Richtmyer, water	7 00
Mrs R F Allen, matron	30 00
J Strohm, ice	12 85
R F Allen, superintendent	75 00
Thomas & Eudey, meat	83 65
L D Caminetti, cow	50 00
Glavinovich & Parker, dry goods	10 85
J Oneto, vegetables	8 25
J White, cooking	4 25
E Ginocchio & Bro., paint, etc	53 47
Amador E L & Ry Co, light	1 50
Mrs J T Turner, washing	6 00
E E Endicott, physician	60 00
Maggie Fleming, cook	20 75
E Ginocchio & Bro., supplies	138 58
W Schroder, digging graves	14 00
Sunset T & T Co	3 90
A B Caminetti, supplies	10 85
BRIDGE FUND.	
J T Clifton	26 64
F B LeMoin	14 64
P Dwyer	7 00
ROAD FUND.	
P Dwyer, R D 1	169 70
J T Clifton, R D 2	186 00
F B LeMoin, R D 5	23 40
A B McLaughlin, R D 3	52 00
M Brinn, R D 4	42 50
SPECIAL ROAD FUND.	
M Brinn, labor, etc	833 50
Knight & Co	56 97

Criminal returns of H. Goldner; monthly report of County Health Officer and report of County Physician were accepted.

In the matter of the petition for a tax on dogs. Petition from Sutter Creek and Amador City were read. After due consideration said matter was ordered laid over until next regular meeting. Unanimous.

Communication from Joint Ninth September Committee for 1900 read and ordered filed.

Communication from G. G. Taylor read and ordered referred to County Health Officer.

In the matter of applications for liquor licenses.

Application of A. E. Young. Carried by a unanimous vote of the Board that the application be amended to read, in the premises of J. E. Bullard instead of Mrs. John Chappel.

Moved by F. B. LeMoin, seconded by M. Brinn and carried by a unanimous vote of the Board that all applications presented and read at last meeting be granted.

Applications of F. Burgin & F. W. Parker, J. C. & T. H. Allen, C. T. Ham, James Rusch and Jerry Hardy were read and it was ordered by a unanimous vote of the Board that the same be granted.

In the matter of the application of the Standard Electric Co. for a reduction of licenses. A. Caminetti appeared before the Board and after due arguments by said A. Caminetti and U. S. Gregory said matter was submitted to the Board for its consideration and decision.

It was duly moved and seconded that E. F. Bond be granted a $7.50 liquor license for retailing liquor at the camps of the Standard Electric Co. in this county and carried by the following vote: Ayes—J. T. Clifton, A. B. McLaughlin and M. Brinn. Noes—P. Dwyer and F. B. LeMoin.

Communication from the Cal. Fish Com. to C. P. Vicini was read and ordered filed. Messrs. Stevens and McKinney appeared before the Board in relation to the establishment of a hatchery at Silver Lake. Said matter was passed.

It was ordered by a unanimous vote of the Board that Messrs. Stevens and McKinney of Placerville be given $75 for catching and placing all the young trout obtainable in Plasse creek in Silver Lake, and that said Stevens and McKinney after placing said trout in Silver Lake report to C. P. Vicini and that the Auditor draw his warrant for said work in favor of C. P. Vicini, he to pay same to Messrs. Stevens and McKinney if satisfactory.

In the matter of application of A. L. Coset for liquor license. C. H. Crocker appeared before the Board and objected to the granting of said application. After arguments by C. H. Crocker and A. L. Coset the said application is granted by unanimous vote of the Board.

Tuesday, August 2, 1900.

Board convenes at 9:30 a. m., with all the members present.

The County Assessor presents the military list for 1900 and the same is accepted by the Board.

The Board proceeds to cancel warrants and the following amounts are canceled on the various funds.

WARRANTS CANCELLED.

School Fund	$1448 60
Current Expense Fund	1518 78
Hospital Fund	514 04
Salary Fund	2720 80
Law Library Fund	17 50
Jackson School Bond Fund	1036 00
Teachers Institute	10 50
Total	$7266 22

In the matter of the improvement of the Middle Fork of Jackson creek. R. Webb appears before the Board and asks that the county make an appropriation for the purpose of improving said creek so that the sewerage dumped therein can be carried down the creek by the natural water flowing therein. Said matter was laid over until next regular meeting.

J. T. Clifton moved that the application of A. E. Young for a retail liquor license be reconsidered. Said motion not meeting with a second was by the chairman declared lost.

P. Dwyer moved that $1000 be transferred from the Current Expense Fund to the Special Road Fund. Said motion was seconded by J. T. Clifton and carried by a unanimous vote of the Board.

No other matter coming before the Board an adjournment was taken to and until Monday, Sept. 3, 1900.

New Call For Primaries.

Pursuant to notice from the State Central Committee that the Stratton Primary Law had been declared unconstitutional, and that the State Central Committee had rescinded the call for a State Convention on the 28th inst. and had ordered a call for a State Convention to be held at Santa Cruz on September 5, 1900, the County Central Committee met in Jackson yesterday at the office of Judge John F. Davis, and rescinded its call for primaries under the Stratton law, issued at its last meeting.

Thereupon, a new call for primaries under the old system was issued. The primaries will be held on the evening of Saturday, August 25, 1900, for election of delegates to the State Conventirn and also for delegates to the County Convention, which has been called to meet at Levaggi's Hall, Sutter Creek, on September 17, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m.

Elsewhere in our columns we publish a call, as formulated by the Committee.

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A grand old Remedy for Coughs, Colds and Consumption; used through the world for half a century, has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price, 25c. 50c and $1. For sale by A. Goldner the Druggist. *

Get In Line.

The members of the Native Sons of the Golden West in this county should, owing to the fact that Grand President Rust is an Amador Native Son, feel more than the ordinary interest in the coming celebration of the Ninth of September at San Francisco. All our Parlors should be represented in the parade and immediate steps should be taken to prepare for an event that has assumed national importance. The undersigned, a committee appointed by Excelsior Parlor, appeal to the members of the Order residing in this county, not to allow indifference to be charged against them in this particular when all Parlors outside our county limits are showing so much energy and interest in the Order's welfare. Remember, boys, we should furnish a suitable escort to our Grand President.

ROB. I. KERR,
J. L. SARGENT,
A. CAMINETTI.
Committee Excelsior Parlor.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

August 2.—More fighting in the Philippines.

August 3.—A number of Americans taken prisoners but they are well treated.

August 4.—Lieutenant Altstaetter and escort captured after a fierce gght.

August 5.—Party of fifteen surrounded on the San Miguel road in Luzon by a large body of Filipinos.

August 6.—Activity of the Filipinos is increased.

August 7.—Insurgents ambush many small bodies of troops in Luzon.

August 8—General Alejandrino conferring with General MacArthur about a possible surrender.

August 9.—Alejandrino controls central Luzon insurgents. Statement that he offered to produce Aguinaldo on conditions not confirmed.

You Try It.

If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25c, 50c and $1, does not cure, take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price, 25c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist. *

Take Notice.

All parties indebted to the late E. G. Freeman will confer a favor on the undersigned by calling at Freeman's General Variety Store, Jackson, Cal., and liquidating the same.

MRS. E. G. FREEMAN.
6-22-tf

Uncalled-for Letters.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Jackson, Cal., Postoffice, for the week ending August 10, 1900:

Giovanni Luma	Miss Bessie Trengrove
Giacomo Travuso	Mrs E B Weber
B F Bacon	James Hall (cd)
A H Hazen	

G. C. FOLGER, Postmaster.

LOCAL NEWS.

Short Items Picked Up Here and There During The Week.

Ione flour is Peerless. 6-22-tf

R. L. Mann paid a short visit to Ione this week.

Men's pants for $1.50 at the Red Front. aug3

Coroner Geo. A. Gritton was in town this week.

L. M. Parker drove to Sacramento last Wednesday.

W. L. Fortner was over from Calaveras county the first of this week.

Lay dusters from 30 cents up, at Freeman's. 6-22-tf

A. Piccardo and members of his family left for Santa Cruz Tuesday morning.

Misses Jessie Mitchell and Kate Cavallero came over from Amador City yesterday.

Jackson was quite lively this week considering the blow it has recently received.

For lumber, laths, shingles, lime and cement, see Amador Mills, Ione. 6-29tf

Hon. and Mrs. D. B. Spagnoli and children went to San Francisco Monday morning.

Call at the Red Front and examine those $1.50 Men's pants, aug3

Ed Kelley has returned from his vacation trip and resumed "counter jumping."

D. McCall of the Ione Flour and Feed Mills was a visitor to the county seat Wednesday.

You can always get strictly first-class fresh fish the year round at A. B. Gaminetti's Central Market. 6-8-tf

Louis Piccardo, who had his knee-cap broken several weeks ago, is able to be around on crutches.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their room in the Hall of Records last Monday.

Mrs. R. Ousby of Kennedy Flat has been seriously ill the past week. Yesterday she was improving rapidly.

Thomas Mason, the accommodating boot-black, returned Saturday from a month's vacation in San Francisco.

The Jackson Band woke up from a two months' sleep last Tuesday evening and commenced practicing again.

The finest building lumber obtainable can be had at the Amador County Flour Mills, at Ione. 6-22-tf

There will be a gathering of the best live stock California can produce at the State Fair at Sacramento, September 3d to 15th.

David Gutmann passed over the surveyed route of the proposed railroad in this county with railroad contractors last Wednesday.

George Vela and James Fontenrose started for Kirkwood's mountain resort last Wednesday morning. They will make the trip on horseback.

A. Chichizola, of Jackson Gate, president of the A. Chichizola Co., is in San Francisco on business and will remain there for several weeks.

Just received a large consignment of harness from the East. Parties desiring a good serviceable harness at lowest city prices can find it at Freeman's. 6-22-tf

Virgilia Belluomini came down from the mountains early in the week, and left for the city Thursday morning by way of Ione.

Thomas Chichizola of Amador City, returned home last night. While below he placed his son, Jamie, in the Santa Clara College for a three years' course.

WANTED—Laundry work for the new laundry, one door south of Langhorst's, Summit street. A Jackson institution. All tub work. Satisfaction guaranteed. Charges reasonable. Delivery prompt. aug3t2

Enrico Ginocchio and daughters, Etta and Julia, are spending their vacation at Santa Cruz. The young ladies will later return to school.

The Ione Flour Mills make a mixed feed, composed of ground oats, middlings, and bran designed for milch cows. This feed is used altogether at the Preston School Dairy and is found to produce better results than any other. 7-6-tf

Senator John F. Davis attended a political meeting at Crockett last Wednesday evening as the guest of Judge Henshaw. Mr. Davis delivered a spirited address.

High grade flour, corn meal and all kinds of feed made a specially at the Ione Flour Mills. Buy Peerless. 6-22tf

The story in the Argonaut for August 13, 1900, is entitled "A Daughter of the Veldt: The Experience of a Deluded Briton." It is written by A. G. Hales, and relates some stirring incidents of which he was an interested spectator.

The endless variety of entertainment that will be afforded at the State Fair at Sacramento next month will more than repay one for the trip. Attend and become familiar with the productions of our State.

E. Muldoon, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Grace, came through Jackson yesterday and proceeded to Ione. This morning the party left for Oakland. They have been out on a five weeks' vacation trip.

William Fortner, of Copperopolis has engaged the services of A. Oliver of Jackson to oversee the construction of a brick kiln at the former place. The brick when made will be used in connection with the new improvements now going on at the Union Copper mine.

McCall's Magazine.

Sample copies of McCall's Magazine at the LEDGER office, without money and without price, Step in and get one. First come, first served. *

Peek's Addition now open for the sale of lots. These resident lots are the cream of the town. They are in town virtually, and yet up out of the dust and dirt. They are cheap. 3-2tf

Men's pants for $1.50 at the Red Front. Call and see them. aug3

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best. 4-6-tf*

Mrs. Weller's for style and beauty in hats and dresses. 5-4-tf

Free to Inventors.

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc., etc.

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DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

DEEDS.

T. Rowse to J. Gundry—Lot 9, block 1, Amador City; $225.

W. Richards to Ella Watts—Land in township 7; love and affection.

Chichizola Estate Co. to A. Isola—Lot in Amador City; $190.

ASST. OF MORTGAGE.

D. Donovan to Bank of Amador County.

SAT. MORTGAGE.

G. Calkins to H. M. Calkins.

J. Gardella to W. Kay.

Horse and Buggy for Sale.

The undersigned will sell his horse and buggy at a very reasonable price. Terms cash. Call on or apply to Dr. C. A. Herrick, Jackson, Cal. 4-13-tf

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best. 4-6tf*

Mrs. Weller employes the only city milliner in town. 5-4-tf

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection." *

Go at once and register.

BORN.

CASASSA—At Jackson, Sunday, July 22, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casassa, a daughter.

CITI—At Jackson, Sunday, July 22, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Citi, a daughter.

DEL BARBA—At Jackson Gate, Monday, July 30, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Del Barba, a daughter.

GIURLANI—At Jackson, Saturday, August 4, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Giurlani, a son.

FASSERO—At Jackson Gate, Thursday, August 2 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. James Fassero, a daughter.

DIED.

BARBER—At the County Hospital, July 28th, 1900, Amos Barber, aged 77 years, a native of New York.

MARCHINI—At Sutter Creek, Thursday, August 2, 1900, Domenico Marchini, aged about 63 years, a native of Italy.

Notice.

United States Land Office,
Sacramento, California, July 30th, 1900.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE State of California, has applied to select the following tract, to wit:—Lot No. 2 of the Southeast ¼ of Section 33, T. 7 N., R. 13 E., Mt. D. B. & M., containing 33.48 acres, and has filed its lists for the same in this office; that the said lists are now open to the public for inspection and copies of the same have been conspicuously posted in this office for the inspection by persons interested and the public generally; protests or contests will be received by this office within sixty days from the date of first publication of this notice for said tract or subdivision of land wherein the same is claimed to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes.

SILAS PENRY, Register.
GEO. B. COSBY, Receiver.
First publication August 3, 1900. 10t

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Charles Hawkins, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNdersigned, administratrix of the estate of Charles Hawkins, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix, at law office of John F. Davis, Summit street, Jackson, Amador county, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Amador.

Dated, July 13, 1900.

MARY E. HAWKINS, administratrix of the estate of Charles Hawkens, deceased.
JOHN F. DAVIS,
july13-5t Attorney for administratrix.

Assessment Notice.

AMELIA GOLD MINING COMPANY—LOcation of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Amador county, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the ninth day of February, 1900, an assessment (No. 4) of Two and One-Half Cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, No. 320 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California. And that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the thirteenth day of July, 1900, it was ordered that, under the provisions of Section 346 of the Civil Code of the State of California, publication of notice of assessment be begun anew; and that any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the thirteenth day of August, 1900, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the 28th day of August, 1900, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

L. SCHUMACHER, Secretary.
Office—No 320 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California. jly20td

Summons.

In the Justice's Court of No. One Township, County of Amador, State of California.

Enrico Ginocchio and Alfonso Ginocchio, partners, doing business under the firm name and style of E. Ginocchio & Bro., plaintiffs, vs. W. S. Chapman, defendant.

The people of the State of California send greeting to W. S Chapman, defendant.

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above-named plaintiffs, in the Justice's Court of No. One Township, County of Amador, State of California, and to answer before the Justice, at his office in the said Township, the complaint filed therein, within five days (exclusive of the day of service), after the service on you of this summons—if served within the Township in which this action is brought; or, if served out of said Township, but in said County, within ten days; or within twenty days if served elsewhere.

The said action is brought to obtain judgment against you, defendant, and recover of and from you, defendant, the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty 44-100 Dollars ($220 44-100) alleged to be due by you, defendant, to plaintiffs on a certain judgment made and entered by the Justice of the Peace, H. Goldner, Justice of the Peace in and for No. One Township of Amador County, State of California, on the 18th day of July, 1893, in an action in said Justice Court of No. One Township of Amador County, Cal. Wherein Enrico Ginocchio and Alfonso Ginocchio were plaintiffs and you, W. S Chapman, was defendant together with legal interest and for costs of suit as more fully appears by the complaint on file herein, to which you are referred.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, as above required, said plaintiffs will take judgment against you, defendant, for the sum of $220 44-100 with legal interest from the time of the filing of plaintiffs complaint and for costs of suit.

Make legal service and due return hereof.

Given under my hand this 7th day of July, 1898.

H. GOLDNER,
6-1-10t Justice of the Peace for said Township.

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A CONFIDENTIAL CASE.

It Brought Out an Honest Confession About a Stolen Hog.

"It has long been a matter of argument," said the old lawyer, who was in a reminiscent mood, "whether a lawyer should defend a man that he knows to be guilty. There is an argument on both sides, and I do not suppose it will ever be settled to the satisfaction of all.

"A good many years ago I had a case that set me to thinking, and I haven't yet determined what my duty was in the matter. At that time I had a small practice in a little town in the western part of the state. Upon my return to the town one day, after having been away a few days on a matter of business, I was called upon to defend a worthless character who had been arrested for hog stealing.

"At that time every one kept at least one hog to be killed in the fall and salted down for use in the winter. One of my neighbors had butchered a hog a few days before, and the party that I was called upon to defend had been charged with theft of it.

"The case was about to be called when I arrived, and I asked for a little time in which to consult with my client. This was granted, and taking him to one side I said:

"'Now, see here, the best thing that you can do is to make a clean breast of the affair to me, and then I will know just where I stand. Whatever you may confess to me I will treat as sacredly confidential, and I will do my best to clear you.'

"'I didn't steal his hog,' protested the prisoner.

"'Then where did you get the carcass that was found in your possession?' I demanded.

"'From your back porch, boss,' he answered with a grin.

"Then I remembered that just before going away I had left orders to have my hog killed, and I could only gasp. However, I went to work and cleared my client of the charge he was under and took the carcass of my own hog as payment for services rendered, but I had hard work treating what he told me as sacred and confidential."—Detroit Free Press.

HOW WE CAME BY THE PHILIPPINES.

Critics of the Republican administration policy would lead people to believe that the acquisition of the Philippine islands was premeditated, conceived as a result of an overshadowing imperialistic spirit and born in very malice of capitalistic greed.

The truth is that the administration, "did not go to do it" as they say down in Missouri, but was pushed to it by the irresistible logic of events over which the nation had no control. As the nation could not do less, so it did not do more than its whole duty in that regard.

Let us look at it, not in a partisan spirit, but as any patriot might inquire into the conduct of a country he loved to see if such conduct were worthy of commendation or reproach.

The war with Spain is a historical fact and one whose justice and necessity no loyal American will bring into question. We are all agreed as to that.

The United States had a vast and growing commerce with countries on the farther side of the Pacific ocean. Spain had a formidable fleet in Asiatic waters ready at any moment to wipe American commerce off the Pacific. Our government had not on the farther shore of the Pacific a single harbor of refuge in which its fleet, under Admiral Dewey, could coal, victual or replenish its supplies further than to enable it to reach the nearest American port. We had to capture a port or bring our navy home and surrender the Pacific to Spain. Dewey, under orders from Washington, proceeded to Manila, destroyed the Spanish fleet and broke Spain's power in the Pacific, and there is not a man on earth who will withold justification for that policy up to, and including the battle of Manila.

The battle of Manila broke Spain's power in the Pacific and left her incapable of governing her possessions there. She had to part with the Philippine islands, if not to the United States, then to Germany or to some other power possessing an ambition to reach out and expand its commerce and its form of civilization. This much ought to be clear because it is clear that the Philippine islands can not be governed without a navy.

It is a fundamental principal of international law that whatever nation destroys an existing form of government must establish another form of government in its place. To fail to do this is to flunk, to sneak, to be a national marplot and to earn the contempt of all nations and of the men of all nations. We had destroyed the existing government of the Philippine islands because we had destroyed the instrumentality whereby that form of government could be maintained—the Spanish navy.

Nor could we delegate this high duty of establishing a government in and for the Philippine islands to any other person or powers. Populous islands with cities and towns are not to be bought and sold as uninhabited lands. We could not give those people over to the relentless sway of despotic and imperialistic power, and with no better conscience could the whole teeming group of islands, embracing many peoples, speaking many different languages, be turned over to the ungentle mercies of a single native tribe which chanced to excel the others in ferocity of diplomacy.

In fine, the Philippines came to be ours, not through any policy of national expansion that had been preconceived by the party in power, nor, through commercial greed or industrial averice, but simply and solely that our nation might discharge a national obligation with national honor, that obligation arising out of the fortunes of a just war, valiently conducted and honorably concluded.

One Way to Pay.

Patient—Your bill of 100 marks for visits and 60 marks for medicines is high, doctor, but I've arranged to settle. I'll pay the 60 marks for the medicines, and I'll return all your visits.—Fliegende Blatter.

We All Might Be Happier.

"This would be a happier world," said the corn fed philosopher, "if more of us got what we wanted and fewer of us got what we deserved."—Indianapolis Press.

Friendship's Trials.

"Am I going to the wedding? Certainly not," snapped the pretty girl in blue. "I'd like to see myself there! You thought we were friends? Oh, yes, we're friends. I'd like to scratch her eyes out, the deceitful thing! How did it start? How did what start? If her young man wished to call on me, there was no law against it, was there? If he got in the habit of calling here every day in the week and twice on Sundays, it wasn't my business to turn him over to the police, was it? I wish I had, though, as he was an awful bore and so persistent that I never got a chance to go anywhere or see any one.

"And all the while that deceitful thing pretended to be crying her eyes out at the desertion of her young man into my camp. If I had not thought that that young man's presence here was making her awfully mad, he would have got his walking papers long ago. But I endured him because I thought that she cared everything for him and could not live without him.

"And to think that she simply turned him over to me to get rid of him as well as me while she landed the eligible young man with the bank account who recently arrived in the city! And I never knew that he was here until it was too late! And we were such dear friends too!"—Detroit Free Press.

Sparing of Her Remedy.

There is at least one woman in Kenwood who believes thoroughly in the efficiency of prayer. About a year ago her husband engaged in a business venture that looked rather uncertain. But his wife had strong faith that it would turn out well.

"Go ahead, John," she said, "and let us put our trust in the Lord. I pray every night that we may have no reason to regret the risk we are taking."

The affair seemed to turn out pretty well right from the start. Handsome dividends were paid all through the summer and during the winter, and great joy was in the home of this man and the sharer of his fortunes.

But there came a turn about a month ago. The business ceased to pay, and since then the losses have been increasing every day. Nothing was said about it at the fireside around which so much happiness had centered during the last year until the other day, when it was suggested by the worried husband that it would be well to cut down expenses. Questions followed, as a matter of course, and then it had to be confessed that the business was not going well.

"Dear me!" exclaimed the distressed woman when all the truth had been revealed to her. "I must begin praying again tonight!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Famous London Tavern.

The Mermaid was the name of a famous London tavern frequented by noted literary men and actors during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. All the wit and talent of the time assembled there for convivial enjoyment. Authors have made it the scene of great mind combats between such men as Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Beaumont, Fletcher, Selden, Carew, Donne and others of reverential memory. It was the gathering place of the celebrated Mermaid club, the origin of which is ascribed to Sir Walter Raleigh. The Mermaid tavern was located in Bread street and was handily reached from three thoroughfares, so that it has been often referred to in various ways. The Mermaid in Bread street, the Mermaid in Friday street and the Mermaid in Cheap street were, however, all one and the same. It was the nearest to Bread street. The Mermaid was destroyed in the great London fire. There were other Mermaid taverns, one in Cheapside and another in Cornhill, but they had no such associations as clung to that of Bread street.

Tolstoi's Sense of Honor.

At one music party at Count Tolstoi's a lady's singing displeased the count's boys, and they adjourned to another room and made a noise. Their father lost patience and went after them, and a characteristic admonition ensued.

"Are you making a noise on purpose?" he asked.

After some hesitation came an answer in the affirmative, "Y-y-yes."

"Does not her singing please you?"

"Well, no. Why does she howl?" declared one of the boys, with vexation.

"So you wish to protest against her singing?" asked Lyeff Nikolaevitch in a serious tone.

"Yes."

"Then go out and say so or stand in the middle of the room and tell every one present. That would be rude, but upright and honest. But you have got together and are squealing like grasshoppers in a corner. I will not endure such protests."—Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

Would Draw a Crowd.

A singer named Gordon once complained to Handel of the style of his accompaniments, which attracted the attention from the singer, saying that if he did not accompany him better he would jump upon the harpsichord and destroy it.

"Very well," said Handel. "Tell me ven you will do dat, and I vill advertise it. More people vill come to see you jump dan to hear you sing."

It is not pretended by men of any candor in Mr. Bryan's party that there is any great risk of an imperial spirit growing up in our own country, but only that in the governing by the chief executive of far away dependencies an imperialism will be necessary and that in time this may react upon American institutions at home as well as abroad. The argument is punctured by the suggestion that the governing of our insular possessions by commissioners appointed by the president is only temporary, that the power rests in congress and not in the president, who only acts while waiting for congress to act, and that the president is an executive abroad as he is at home, charged with carrying out the will of congress. A few words of dispassionate explanation and a few moments of calm reflection will reassure the most timid.

Mr. Bryan's convention declared with emphasis that the Filipino people should be given a stable government at the earliest possible moment, and then turned and berated soundly the Republican administration for trying its best to do that very thing although, in its efforts, it has secured for commissioners to the Philippines the best men in the nation, not one of whom is a politician or in an way affiliated with partisan politics.

Stone street was the first street in New York city paved with cobblestones; hence its name. The paving was done in the year 1657.

THE POWER OF WORLD'S OPINION.

Clear headed economists have long since agreed that our government is by public opinion, that there is a power in the convictions of the people that neither combinations of politicians nor aggregations of capital dare to override for any considerable period of time. There is a power in public sentiment that has its way in due process of time. It may be a trifle slow in realizing its aim, but its final authority is not seriously questioned.

But not all see as clearly that there is a world opinion as certainly as there is a public opinion and that it has its way in affairs affecting the whole world as certainly as public opinion finally has its way in domestic affairs, but such is the fact. There is a power in world-opinion that exerts a restraining influence upon all that nations do.

For this reason it has ever been the policy of nations to issue manifestos justifying their wars or international policies of any sort and it is very seldom that a policy affecting the world at large is entered upon that does not command the sanction of at least a respectable following among the nations.

And it is this world opinion crystalized into international law that has modified in many ways the policy of the Republican administration at Washington. The unknowing do not see this because the public is not and can not be taken into the confidence of the administration while negotiations are pending, but only after they have been consummated and an historical perspective has been afforded to the incident.

Behind the diplomatic scene a world of work was going on that those outside knew little of but could only surmise, and if sometimes the public felt that there was needless delay at Washington it was because the public could not see what was going on at Washington and why the moment for action had not come. The president's action was influenced by world opinion when politicians and newspapers were concerning themselves with what appeared to be the opinion of the public about them.

It is because the United States wants the friendship of all the world that there must be a prudent, politic man in the presidential office and not an enthusiast who entertains the idea that because the United States is, to a certain degree, off by itself it can do what it wishes without regard to the sentiment of other nations.

This world is fast becoming a co-operative, and yet competitive, family of nations, each member of which must consult the others in regard to whatever it does that affects in any way the rights or privileges of other nations or their subjects. No nation can any longer live to itself alone.

With entangling alliances we may well dispense, but we can not disregard the comity of nations without incurring the enmity of nations and to incur the enmity of nations is to suffer in commerce, in influence, in industrial life and in a thousand ways that would tend to make conflicts frequent and security uncertain.

Only Washington and Lincoln have been called upon to handle diplomacy with so much circumspection as William McKinley and the masterly manner in which he, and his advisers, have dealt with the other nations of the world has challenged the admiration of the world.

The wise course is, therefore, to keep him right where he is until the Asiatic entanglements have all been straightened out and the commercial status of the United States with relation to transpacific commerce has become definitely assured.

The oratorical Bourke Cochran who, like Mr. Bryan, has the gift of eloquence but is left without a very abundant store of common sense or information, declares specifically that two antagonistic tendencies in government can not safely be permitted to exist in one government at the same time for the reason that one will eventually overpower the other. The gentleman has evidently not heard of the checks and balances of the American constitution and of the fact that we have in our form of government some survival of every form of government that ever existed on earth. In mass conventions we have pure Democracy, representative government in legislatures and congresses, the royal prerogative in the appointive power of the president and governors, an aristocracy in the special functions which are reserved to the senate. These antagonistic elements work in an almost perfected harmony and government would be impossible without them. If the born orator only knew what he is talking about he would be a power in the land, but he generally does not. He usually depends for his information on inspiration which is just as likely to come from below as from above.

A Match Trick.

A feat which any one can perform with little or no practice is that of placing 14 matches upon a table and lifting them all up upon one of the matches. This is how it is done: Pick out one match—the one that has the flattest surface—and then place six of the other matches about one-fourth each across the first one, each of the six being parallel to each other and the thickness of a match distant from each other. Next place six other matches one-fourth each across the first match, but from the other side, all parallel and in the spaces left by the arrangement of the first six matches. Now take the fourteenth match, lay it over the 12 matches where they intersect, and by carefully lifting match No. 1 and holding match No. 14 in place you will accomplish without difficulty the feat.—Adelaide Herrmann in Woman's Home Companion.

The Jefferson Bible.

"The Jefferson Bible in the Smithsonian institution," says the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, "has never been printed. The manuscript remains as it left Jefferson's hands, and, although several persons have proposed from time to time to print it, no one has ever done so. The Bible consists only of the teachings of Christ, extracts from the gospel arranged in chronological order from his birth to his ascension, and nothing else. All controversial passages are left out."

Knew She Was Ugly.

The Duchess of Orleans, mother of the regent who governed France during the monarchy of Louis XV, was notorious for her ugliness. She wrote:

"From early youth I knew how ugly I was and hated to have people look sharply at me. I never cared for dress, as I knew that diamonds and ornaments would only attract attention to me. Once Countess Soissons asked me why I never turned to look at a mirror in passing, as every other woman did. I told her I could not endure the sight of my own face.

"As a girl I must have been very ugly. I had little, blinking eyes, a pug nose and a big mouth with thick lips. My face was broad and fat and my figure short and stumpy. Nobody would have tolerated me except for my good disposition.

"I don't suppose that there was in the whole world another pair of hands as ugly as mine. The king often told me so, and I laughed, for I was resolved always to laugh at my hideousness. I must confess that I had to laugh very often.

"What surprised me most was that any one could fall in love with me. I was notoriously the ugliest woman at court, yet I was married at 19.

"I often asked my husband if the sight of me were not repulsive and what he had seen in me that induced him to fall in love with me. I never got a satisfactory answer, but I think that I must have had some other attractions which outweighed my ugliness."

On Reading Aloud.

It is a distinct loss that reading is so badly taught and that so few people know anything about the magic of the poets in their use of sound. We read almost exclsively with the eye, although poetry is primarily intended for the ear. Shakespeare wrote almost exclusively for the ear, and we remain unmoved by the wonderful vibration of his great passages until we hear them.

Poetry ought always to be heard first and read afterward. If the best of Browning is sympathetically and intelligently interpreted by the voice, the much discussed obscurity is not in evidence. Many people find, for instance, a little difficulty in getting the clear and full significance of "The Portrait of the Last Duchess" when they read it for the first time, but it fastens itself instantly on the imagination if it is well read.

A good deal of time now devoted to commentaries and text study might profitably be given to reading the text aloud without note or comment. A work of art slowly discloses its full meaning, and familiarity with it is the first condition of comprehension.—Hamilton Mabie in Harper's Bazar.

London Bakers, 1310.

In 1310 we find the following Bow bakeresses accused of selling halfpenny loaves deficient in weight: Sarra Foting, Christina Terrice, Godiyeva Foting, Matilda de Bolingtone, Christina Prichet, Isabella Sperling, Alice Pegges, Johanna de Countebrigge and Isabella Pouveste. One wonders why the husbands were not summoned. In a similar case in 1316, when Agnes Foting's bread was seized, it was "adjudged that her bread should be forfeited and given to the prisoners in Neugate because her husband did not come to avow (own) the bread." Are we to assume that in the absence of the husbands the bread was merely forfeited without the infliction of a fine?

An indication of the importance of the breadmaking business is also found in an enactment of the reign of Henry III to the effect that "every cart of Bremble (Bromley-by-Bow) or Stevenhethe (Stepney) that comes into the city with bread shall pay each day 1 halfpenny."—Gentleman's Magazine.

Birds and "Old" Coins.

A French physician lately had an opportunity to observe a pointe de Paris which had been lying for several days in the stomach of a child and found that the gastric juice had acted upon the smallest particles of the article, blunting the blade and point and giving the medal a brown color. In this manner might be explained the process used in Italy to produce old coins and medals. Large birds are made to swallow roughly stamped coins with the image of Tiberius or Caligula. After awhile the animals give off again the coins, upon which meanwhile an appreciable layer of patina has formed. This result is apparently due to the action of the gastric juices.—Jeweler's Circular-Weekly.

FUNNY HUMAN NATURE.

A Little Story That Illustrates Some of Its Peculiar Phases.

Young men can never tell where to look for an ally in their love affairs. A few afternoons ago one of them was leaving a handsome residence in the upper part of the city. He walked unsteadily, he will never be paler, and it was evident that he was in great trouble. He scarcely noticed the brisk approach of the old gentleman who owns the house and the daughter, though the suitor had been diligently dodging the father for months.

"Hello! What's this? Sick?" and the old gentleman firmly planted himself in the way of the retreating lover. "You're not fit to go out in this storm, young man. Come inside. Take a drop of cordial. What do you mean, risking your life like this?"

"Not there, sir," in a faint voice. "I'll never enter that house again. Your daughter just refused me."

Now the father had told her a score of times to "get rid of that chap," but he is sympathetic and choleric.

"What," pounding the walk with his cane, "refused you? Jilted you? Put you in this awful state? The minx! She'll hear from me! Look as though you were dying, poor fellow! How many times have you asked her?"

"Once."

"Only once? Thunderation, man, I'll bet I asked her mother 50,000 times before she'd have me! It's in the blood. Come in here. No, take a walk around the block and then come. The idea of that girl thinking that she knows her own mind! It's absurd! Brace up, now. We'll bring her to time."

And it looks as though they would. The old gentleman looks sheepish, the girl laughs often without apparent cause, and the youth calls regularly.—Detroit Free Press.

Tommy's Triumph.

"Please, sir," asked Tommy of his teacher, "what is meant by the 'soothing weed?'"

"Does your father smoke, Tommy?" asked the teacher.

"Yes, sir," answered Tommy.

"And what does he smoke?" asked the teacher.

"Bacca!" cried Tommy.

"Tobacco, you mean, Tommy," corrected teacher. "Well, tobacco is often called 'the soothing weed.' But it is tobacco, Tommy, not 'bacca.' There is no such word in the dictionary."

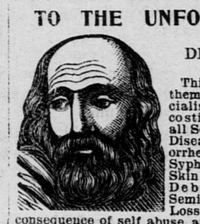
"Yes, there is, sir," cried Tommy.

"You're mistaken, Tommy, there is not," said teacher severely. "But," he added, with a superior smile, "if you can show me the word 'bacca' in an English dictionary I will let you home an hour earlier than usual."

Tommy seized his dictionary, hastily turned over the leaves and pointed triumphantly to the word "bacca," "a fruit having seeds."

Teacher floored and Tommy triumphant.—London Answers.

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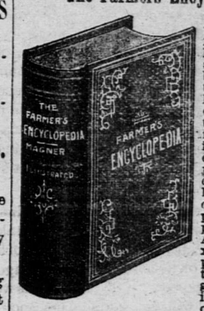
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